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  On the night of 26 December 1950 a group of Chinese Communist Air Force planes flew over the Taiwan Straits, approaching and almost reaching Taiwan.

  Just as the Nationalist air-raid authorities were about to sound a siren alarm, the planes turned back toward the China mainland.\*
  - 2. In early January Nationalist government officials were trying to keep the knowledge of this incident from the public. All Nationalist Air Force personnel were alerted.

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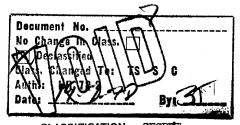
Comment. US 7 Fleet air patrol units made radar contact with unidentified planes over the straits during early January 1951.

Comment. A United Press release of 4 January stated that Nationalist officials were anticipating a large-scale surprise air-raid on Taiwan by the Chinese Communists. 25X1X

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Comment.

Officials were expecting air-raids; he could not understand why knowledge of the incident would be suppressed, however, since the Nationalist authorities have recently encountered difficulties in convincing the public that air-raids can be expected and that proper precautions should be taken.



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